

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 remain active in this application. Claims 15-20 have been cancelled by the present Amendment. No new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 15-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Winn et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,161,139), and Claims 1-14 are allowed. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-14.

In response to the rejection of Claims 15-20, Applicant cancels Claims 15-20.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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